in the limited DOT tenders of optical fibre cables for 6F, 12F and 24F opened during October, 1996.

It is also informed that difficulties, if any, being faced by M/S Siemens may be partly on account of Company's own planning and prevailing market situation.

केन्द्रीय रिज़र्व पुलिस बल के कर्मचारियों की बर्खास्तगी

2687. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि केन्द्रीय रिज़र्व पुलिस बल की चण्डीगढ़ स्थित इकाई के कुछ कर्मचारियों को वर्ष 1988 के दौरान सेवा से बर्खास्त कर दिया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन कर्मचारियों को क्या-क्या सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई थीं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उनके मामलों में पुनर्विचार करने तथा उन्हें पुनः नौकरी में लिए जाने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (ग) 11 कार्मिकों को सेवा से बर्खास्त/निकाला गया था। पुनरीक्षा के बाद इनमें से एक को सेवा में पुनः बहाल किया गया है। नियमों के अन्तर्गत स्वीकार्य समस्त राशियों का भुगतान कर दिया गया है। चूंकि उन्हें औपचारिक विभागीय जांच आयोजित करने के बाद अनुशासन के आधार पर सेवा से बर्खास्त/हटाया गया था, इसलिए वे किसी अन्य सुविधा के पात्र नहीं हैं और सरकार का उन्हें पुनः सेवा में बहाल करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Sericulture Potential of North-Eastern and Eastern States

2688. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sericulture potentiality of the North-Eastern and Eastern States have not been fully tapped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the efforts proposed to be made to develop sericulture in these States; and

(d) the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) The concerned State Sericulture Departments as well as the Central Silk Board have been implementing a number of projects/ programmes to exploit the potentialities available for development of sericulture in North-Eastcrn and Eastern States. Among the various measures being taken to speed up development of sericulture in the Region, the major ones are cstablist-ment of a Central Muga Research & Training Institute by the Central Silk Board at Jorhat in Assam, programmes for expansion of food plants, seed production and supply, training, intensified extension/research support, training in reeling/spinning, marketing of cocoons & raw silk and the formulation of a com-prehensive Action Plan for development of sericulture which is being implemented by the Central Silk Board and the States of the North-Eastern Region.

Death Due to Consumption of Hooch

2689. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the enforcement of prohibition in different States, hooch manufacture has increased enormously and several persons have died due to consumption of hooch in different States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the number of hooch deaths during the current Year so far; and com-parative figures for the previous two years; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent manufacture of hooch and curb hooch-deaths?